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SUBJECT: JUNE BG MEETING: AGENDA ITEM5: APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTOR
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SUMMARY: DISCONTENT WITH EKLUND'S PERFORMANCE HAS SURFACED
WE CANNOT RULE OUT POSSIBILITY OF A CHALLENGE TO HIS RE-
NOMINATION BY JUNE BOARD MEETING OR AT LEAST A REQUEST FOR
POSTPONEMENT OF MATTER TO PRE-GEN. CONF. BOARD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER.
END SUMMARY.

1. AUSTRALIAN DCM (TOWNSEND) AND COUNSELLOR (MCDONALD)
CALLD ON ME MAY 23 TO INFORM ME IN CONFIDENCE THAT THEY
HAND BEEN APPROACHED SEVERAL DAYS EARLIER BY ARGENTINE RES.
REP. (ESTRADA) AS TO AVAILABILITY OF ALLAN WILSON (CHAIRMAN
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OF PNE ADVISORY GROUP) TO SUCCEED EKLUND WHEN LATTER'S
PRESENT TERM EXPIRES NEXT SEPTEMBER. ACCORDING TO ESTRADA,
LOCAL LA CAUCUS HAD RECENTLY AGREED THAT EKLUND MUST GO AND
HAD ENCOUNTERED SIMILAR FEELING ON PART OF REPS OF SIX OR
SEVEN OTHER LDC'S IN AFRICAN AND MESA REGION.

2. ESTRADA GAVE AS REASONS FOR THIS DISCONTENT EKLUND'S

QUOTE POLITICAL UNQUOTE ACTIVITY ON BEHALF OF NPT; IN PARTICULAR, HIS FREQUENT STATEMENTS TO THE EFFECT THAT SUPPLIER STATES SHOULD REQUIRE NPT ADHERENCE, OR ITS EQUIVALENT, AS A PRIOR CONDITION OF SUPPLY, AND HIS ALLUSION AT FEBRUARY BG MEETING OF GA RESOLUTION 31/189-D WHICH INTER ALIA CALLED FOR INCREASING TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO LCD'S QUOTE WITHIN AN EFFECTIVE AND COMPREHENSIVE SAFEGUARDS SYSTEM UNQUOTE. ANOTHER REASON GIVEN BY ESTRADA TO AUSTRALIANS WAS ALLEGED MISMANAGEMENT OF TA PROGRAM, INCLUDING ISSUE OF UNOBLIGATED BALANCES, AND WITHDRAWAL OF REVISED GUIDELINES PRINCIPLES ON TA FROM JUNE BOARD AGENDA. IN APPROACHING AUSTRALIANS, ESTRADA FRANKLY ADMITTED WILSON WAS NOT FIRST CHOICE OF DISAFFECTED GROUP; ETEMAD OF IRAN WAS CONSIDERED FIRST CHOICE BUT HE WAS FOUND TO BE UNAVAILABLE.

3. AUSTRALIANS HAD BEEN NON-COMMITTAL, BUT ON DISCREET INQUIRY OF CANBERRA HAND LEARNED THAT WILSON WOULD ACCEPT NOMINATION IF OFFERED IT BUT THAT GOA HAD DEFERRED ANY DECISION RE HIS AVAILABILITY PENDING FURTHER ASSESSMENT. OF SITUATION, INCLUDING VIEWS OF U.S.

4. I POINTED OUT THAT IT WAS VERY LATE IN THE DAY TO PROPOSE A SUCCESSOR TO EKLUND IN VIEW OF GENERAL UNDERSTANDING REACHED LAST YEAR THAT EKLUND WOULD BE RENOMINATED FOR FOUR-YEAR TERM ON UNDERSTANDING HE WOULD UNDERTAKE TO WORK WITH BOARD TO IDENTIFY AN ACCEPTABLE SUCCESSOR AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. I ALSO EXPRESSED MY PERSONAL VIEW THAT A MOVE TO UNSEAT EKLUND COULD PROVE DISRUPTIVE; THAT IT COULD CONFIDENTIAL

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RESULT IN EKLUND'S VOLUNTARY WITHDRAWAL AND EXTREME DIFFICULTY IN FINDING A SUCCESSOR SINCE SOVIETS AND THEIR COLLEAGUES COULD BE EXPECTED TO OPPOSE NOMINATION OF ANY PERSON WHOSE CANDIDACY HAD LED TO EKLUND'S WITHDRAWAL. AUSTRALIANS STRESSED THAT THEY WERE NOT AMONG DISAFFECTED GROUP AND FELT THEMSELVES IN A HIGHLY AWKWARD POSITION AS RESULT OF ESTRADA'S CALL.

5. ESTRADA RAISED SUBJECT WITH MISOFF MAY 27 DURING CONSULTATION ON BOARD AGENDA. WHAT HE SAID CONFIRMED AUSTRALIANS' ACCOUNT. BUT HE ADDED TWO REASONS FOR DISCONTENT WITH EKLUND: QUOTE SUBSERVIENCE UNQUOTE TO SOVIETS REGARDING AGENCY STAFFING, AND QUOTE INEPT UNQUOTE PERFORMANCE IN HIS PUBLIC STATEMENTS INCLUDING, HE SAID, INACCURATE REFERENCES TO NEW U.S. NUCLEAR POLICIES AT PERSEPOLIS AND ELSEWHERE. WHILE STILL LACKING INSTRUCTIONS FOR JUNE BG MEETING, HE HAD RECOMMENDED THAT ARGENTINE GOVERNOR PROPOSE POSTPONING OF THIS AGENDA ITEM UNTIL PRE-GEN CONF BOARD MEETING IN SEPTEMBER. IF THIS PROVED NOT

POSSIBLE, AT THE VERY LEAST THE DG WOULD HAVE TO BE TOLD THAT HIS QUOTE POLITICAL UNQUOTE ACTIVITIES MUST CEASE IF HE WERE TO BE RE-APPOINTED.

6. IN CONVERSATION WITH ME MAY (SLATER OF UK ALSO PRESENT), AUSTRALIAN AMBASSADOR (FURLONGER) REITERATED THE DIFFICULT POSITION HE WAS IN AND SAID THAT HE INTENDED APPRISE DG OF SITUATION STRESSING HIS NON-INVOLVEMENT IN DISSIDENT MOVEMENT.

7. COMMENT: IT IS DIFFICULT TO FORESEE THE OUTCOME OF THESE DEVELOPMENTS SINCE I DOUBT THAT ANY OF THE PARTIES CONCERNED HAVE THEIR INSTRUCTIONS FOR THE BOARD MEETING. HOWEVER, IN VIEW OF THE STRONG SOVIET PREFERENCE THAT EKLUND CONTINUE IN OFFICE, THE LACK OF A SUCCESSOR ACCEPTABLE TO THEM, AND THE UNDERSTANDING ALREADY REACHED RE EKLUND'S RE-NOMINATION, I VIEW THIS NEW PROPOSAL
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AS DISRUPTIVE AND UNHELPFUL.

8. UNLESS THE DEPT HAS VIEWS TO THE CONTRARY I INTEND TO SUPPORT EKLUND'S RE-NOMINATION AT THE JUNE BG MEETING.
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